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Thy name is sweet to me "

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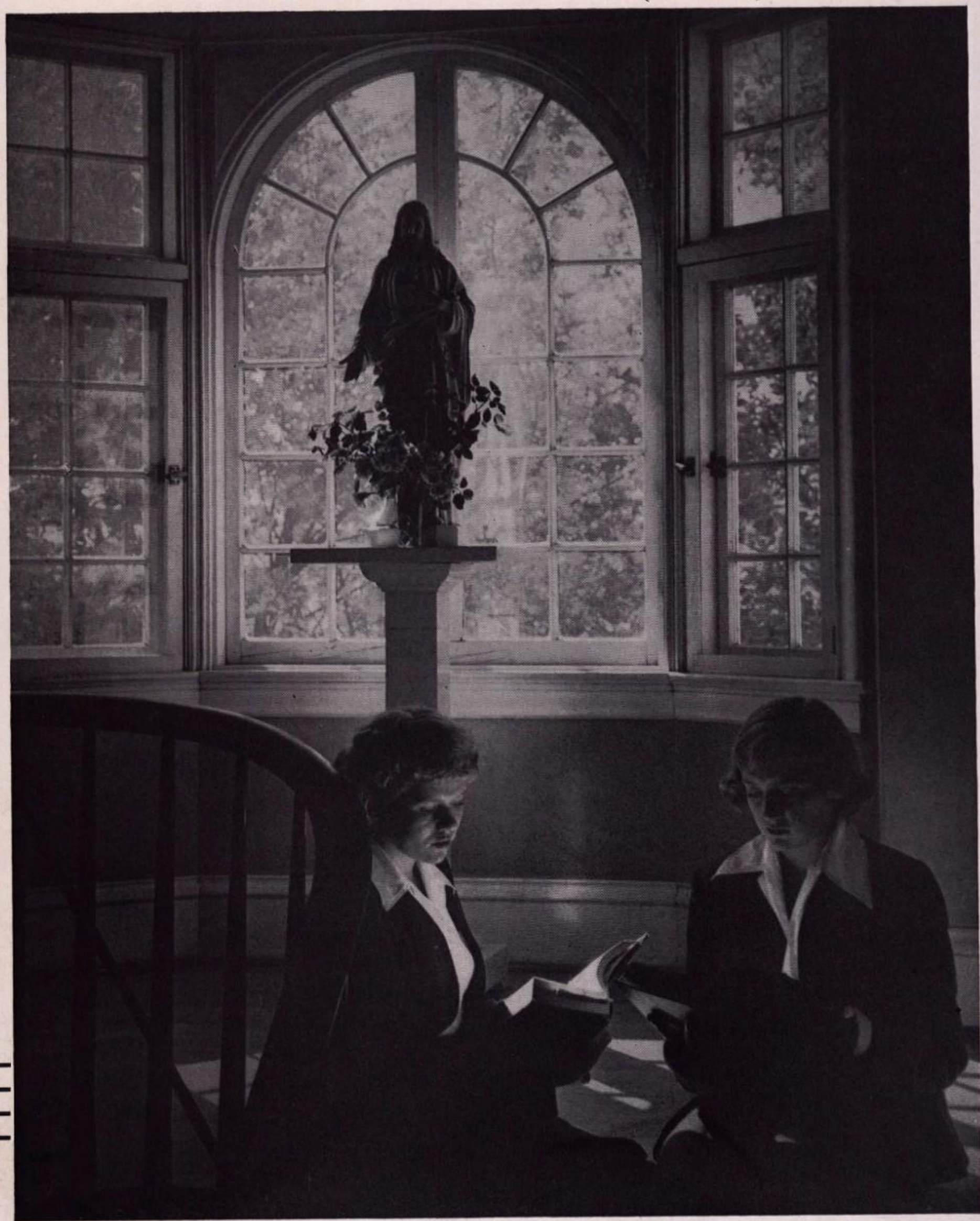
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Classes

Knowledge can be of two kinds: first, like bright strands of yarn, useless in themselves, becoming knotted and twisted in meaning for lack of unity. Secondly, there is knowledge that is a woven piece of material with many purposes; made up of strands of yarn, unknotted, untwisted, because of the oneness of the cloth. Our classes must give the second type of knowledge.

It is often difficult to look at courses as parts of a whole rather than as complete in themselves. Math and Languages, History and Science seem to have little in common. Then, too, where is religion's little cubby-hole among the rest?

If each subject could be separated from the others, it would merely be a list of facts; but taken as a whole our studies are the material from which we cut our lives. The type of cloth and its texture are choices we must make ourselves. As for religion, it is the thread that adds true beauty to our existence, color and meaning to all the other threads. God, His laws, and His teachings, must be deeply interwoven into the fabric.

Classes are continuations of knowledge. Here words are changed into ideas, ideas into actions for daily living. We must put God into these, our own actions, and then take Him to our fellowmen by good example, made possible through knowledge, and by the means through which our own learning began, the spoken word.



Charlotte Hanson
President



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CHARLOTTE HANSON

May Day 1, 2, 4; Class President 2, 4; Mission Officer 2;
Pioneer Staff 4; Class Volleyball 4; Class Basketball 2, 3, 4;
Music Club 4.

JEANNINE PREVALLET

May Day 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1; Dramatics 1, 2; *Pioneer* Staff
2, 4; Class Officer 1, 4; NHAA Representative 2; Class
Volleyball 2; Class Basketball 1, 2, 4; Music Club 4.

Seniors

Charlotte Hanson

"Shorty" . . . one from Maplewood . . .
"Good morning, girls!" . . . hard-working
president . . . interior decorator for Senior
locker room . . . "Oh, that's all right!"
. . . baker for birthdays. . .

Jeannine Prevallet

"Jeannie" . . . dancer and acrobat . . .
"Blondie" . . . those knee-length yellow
socks . . . incense burner . . . headed for
St. Mary's . . . a chatterbox. . .



"Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall"



Dorothy Franke
Secretary



Joan Buehler
Treasurer

Seniors

Dorothy Franke

"Dot" . . . cousins by the dozens . . . open house all year round . . . "Oh, for Pat's sake!" . . . always orders French-fries . . . keeper of the score . . . Holy Redeemer basketballer. . . .

Joan Buehler

"Joan" . . . her orphan farm . . . Nerinx knitting expert . . . the long road home . . . champion bill-collector . . . generous . . . everybody's friend. . . .

DOROTHY FRANKE

May Day 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Dramatics 4; Class Officer 4; Presented the Heart of Flowers 1; *Pioneer* Staff 3, 4; NHAA Representative 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Class Basketball 3, 4; Music Club 4.

JOAN BUEHLER

May Day 1, 4; Dramatics 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Class Officer 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; *Key* Staff, Associate Editor 4; NHAA Officer 3, Representative 2; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Presentation of Heart 1, 3; Music Club 4.



"Whe-ee!"



Joyce Baker



Evelyn Born



Joan Cahill

JOYCE BAKER

Glee Club 1, 2; May Day 1, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; Class Basketball 1, 2; Class Volleyball 2.

EVELYN BORN

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2; May Day 1, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Volleyball 2; Varsity B-Team 2; Music Club 4.

JOAN CAHILL

May Day 1, 4; Class Officer 3; Sodality Officer 3; Presentation of Heart 3; Class Basketball 1.

Seniors

Joyce Baker

"Joyce" . . . a sprinkling of freckles . . . first on all our roll-calls . . . "Huh?" . . . never in the room at 9:00 o'clock . . . quiet red-hair . . . placid disposition.

Evelyn Born

"Ev" . . . fiend on Spanish . . . "How do you spell it?" . . . every day all the way from St. John's . . . "Samantha," the elastic Plymouth . . . eraser in typing class . . . "Speedy." . . .

Joan Cahill

"Joan" . . . always serene . . . home for lunch . . . loads and loads of relatives . . . last seat in class . . . quiet and smiling . . . faithful rooter at every game. . . .



"Happy H'all"



Mary Ann Ceriotti



Nancy Croghan



Barbara Cronin

Seniors

Mary Ann Ceriotti

"Mary Ann" . . . fabulous red purse . . . shy smile . . . mad about "Korn Kurls" . . . either terribly late or awfully early . . . "M. A. C." . . . that argyle tie. . . .

Nancy Croghan

"Nan-c" . . . brothers, brothers, and more brothers . . . dimple in her chin . . . artistic talent . . . shining page-boy . . . contagious giggle. . . .

Barbara Cronin

"Babs" . . . Kirkwood kid . . . cheer-leading with a vengeance . . . knows more people . . . "Do you need a P. A. system?" . . . dancing feet . . . "Oh, you kids!" . . .

MARY ANN CERIOTTI

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Volleyball 2, 4; May Day 1, 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Music Club 4.

NANCY CROGHAN

Class Officer 1; Glee Club 1, 2; May Day 1, 3, 4; Class Basketball 2, 3; Dramatics 1, 2, 4.

BARBARA CRONIN

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; May Day 1, 4; Class Basketball 4; Music Club 4; Cheerleader 4.



"Some Boss Will Be Lucky?"



Kathleen Cunningham



Joan Deichmann



Margaret Foshage

KATHLEEN CUNNINGHAM

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 3, 4; Maid 4; Class Officer 2; *Pioneer* Staff 4; *Sodality Subscripts*, Editor 3; Varsity Manager 4, B-Team 2; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2; Music Club President 4.

JOAN DEICHMANN

Glee Club 2; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 2, 4; Maid 4; Class Officer 2; *Key* Staff 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Basketball 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Music Club Officer 4.

MARGARET FOSHAGE

Glee Club 1; Dramatics 1; May Day 1, 4; NHAA Representative 2; Class Officer 3; *Sodality* Perfect 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; *Sodality* Union Representative 4; Class Basketball 2, 3; Class Volleyball 4; Music Club 4.

Seniors

Kathleen Cunningham

"Leenie" . . . jester—May Day and every day . . . her original argyles . . . streaks of silver among the jet . . . "I'm a no gonna say" . . . pageboy and pigtails . . . dialect artist. . . .

Joan Deichmann

"Joan" . . . loves to drive . . . apple a day . . . bridge enthusiast . . . "Let's go for a walk" . . . works hard at tennis . . . "Quelle page?" . . .

Margaret Foshage

"Midge" . . . our perfect Prefect . . . red Dodge from Baden . . . Flyer fan . . . "Good morning, ladies" . . . flowers on her birthday . . . always ready to help. . . .



"Noon-Time Nonsense"



Marijean Frien



June Goeke



Margaret Goessling

Seniors

Marijean Frien

"Marijean" . . . rathskeller . . . long eyelashes . . . Mick's chariot . . . on the quiet side . . . writer of "Pioneer" features . . . good listener. . . .

MARIJEAN FRIEN

May Day 1, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Basketball 3.

JUNE GOEKE

Dramatics 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Music Club 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Class Basketball 2; May Day 1, 3, 4.

MARGARET GOESSLING

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; May Day 1, 4; NHAA Representative 3; Varsity B-Team 2; Class Volleyball 2; Class Basketball 2, 4.

June Goeke

"Goke" . . . did all her growing at Nerinx . . . another from South St. Louis . . . "Red" . . . casual dancer . . . finger on the stop watch . . . lead in senior play. . . .

Margaret Goessling

"Peggy" . . . badminton champ . . . "Bless Patrick!" . . . wrinkles in her forehead . . . "Shotput" . . . orange-ade in "Old O!" . . . heavy sterling bracelets. . . .



"Air View"



Phyllis Guariglia



Kay Harrigan



Marilyn Heggeman

PHYLLIS GUARIGLIA

Glee Club 2; Dramatics 1; May Day 1, 4; Sodality Committee Head 4; Music Club 4; Class Basketball 3.

KAY HARRIGAN

Loretto Academy 1, 2; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Basketball 3, 4; Class Volleyball 4; Music Club 4; May Day 4.

MARILYN HEGGEMAN

Dramatics 1, 2; May Day 1, 3, 4; Maid 1; Class President 1; *Key* Staff 4; *Pioneer* Staff 3, 4; Sodality Union Representative 1, 4; Sodality Committee Head 1, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Volleyball 4.

Seniors

Phyllis Guariglia

"Phyl" . . . trips to New York . . . loyal to C. B. C. . . . stories of her little brother . . . typing expert . . . Saturdays at Charg-a-plate . . . tiny hands, long nails.

Kay Harrigan

"Kay" . . . mad about Vaughan Monroe . . . locker related to Fibber's closet . . . "Where are my glasses?" . . . that beautiful watch . . . always a houseful at Harrigan's. . . .

Marilyn Heggeman

"Marilyn" . . . dark glasses . . . desk always overflowing . . . sun-tan all year-round . . . brother "Buzzy" . . . camels-hair coat . . . always in a jam. . . .



"Janitor Service"



Virginia Henning



Mary Teresa Kelly



Therese Kelly

Seniors

VIRGINIA HENNING

May Day 1, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 4; Class Basketball 3.

MARY TERESA KELLY

St. Elizabeth's Academy 1, 2.

THERESE KELLY

May Day 1, 2, 3, 4, Maid 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Officer 1, 3; Pioneer Staff 4; Key Staff 4; Cheerleader 4; Sodality Committee Head 4.

Virginia Henning

"Pudgy" . . . a natural at nursing . . .
"Oh, George!" . . . brother and — at
Annapolis . . . "Jacqueline!" . . . sum-
mers on the "Admiral" . . . "more or less."

Mary Teresa Kelly

"Mary Teresa" . . . loyal to New York
. . . short stay at Nerinx . . . red roses
. . . quiet manner . . . loves to fly. . .

Therese Kelly

"Tess" . . . sings a determined alto . . .
"Well, I tell you" . . . "Nash" booster
. . . not so lucky at languages . . . left-
handed knitting . . . "Hey, now—" . . .



"It Says Right Here—"



Jeanne Kindorf



Shirley Kinsella



Margaret Kirchner

JEANNE KINDORF

May Day 1, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Volleyball 4; Glee Club 1.

SHIRLEY KINSELLA

May Day 1, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; *Key* Staff, Editor 4; *Pioneer* Staff 2, 3, 4, Associate Editor 3, 4; Sodality Officer 2; Sodality Union Representative 2; Class Volleyball 2; Music Club 4.

MARGARET KIRCHNER

May Day 1, 3, 4, Maid 1; Glee Club 1, 2, Officer 2; Dramatics 1, 2; C. B. C. Representative 4; Varsity 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.



"Who Goes There?"

Seniors

Jeanne Kindorf

"Jeanne" . . . home in Maplewood, heart in Webster . . . always hunting those green gym bloomers . . . Monday morning headlines . . . buttons conveniently missing . . . Marty. . . .

Shirley Kinsella

"Shirl" . . . perky bows . . . carries a cowbell to the games . . . "Key" man . . . gold keepsake pen . . . sings and whistles like a frustrated canary . . . original puns. . . .

Margaret Kirchner

"Peggy" . . . envied natural curl (shorter and shorter) . . . reads dots and dashes at the end of movie film . . . "Baby-Face" . . . Honorary Captain of C. B. C. . . . athletic. . . .



Gwendolyn Lavin



Jean Leahy



Joyce Lipic

Seniors

Gwendolyn Lavin

"Gwen" . . . trampoline trickster . . . piano-playing after every game . . . varsity sweater . . . experiences with "David" . . . engaging smile . . . tops in athletics. . . .

Jean Leahy

"Jean" . . . cat-naps in class . . . suprisingly deep voice . . . feather-bob always curled . . . doll-like . . . never takes the bus to school . . . plays the piano by ear.

Joyce Lipic

"Joyce" . . . week-ends in Chicago . . . Bill . . . flower in her hair . . . always ready to help . . . a "lamb" from Fox Meadows . . . placid disposition. . . .

GWENDOLYN LAVIN

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1; May Day 1, 2, 3, 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Sodality Officer 4; Sodality Union Representative 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; NHAA Representative 1, Officer 3, President 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4.

JEAN LEAHY

May Day 1, 2, 4; Music Club 4; Dramatics 1; Class Basketball 3.

JOYCE LIPIC

May Day 1, 2, 4, Maid 2; Glee Club 2; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; Class President 3; *Key* Staff 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Sodality Officer 2, Committee Head 4.



"All Together Now"



Janet Ludwig



Barbara Luking



Dorothy Malone

JANET LUDWIG

May Day 1, 2, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; *Pioneer* Staff 2, 3, 4, Editor 4, Associate Editor 3; *Key* Staff, Associate Editor 4; Class President 2; Sodality Union Representative 2; Class Volleyball 2; Music Club 4.

BARBARA LUKING

May Day 1, 2, 3, 4, Queen 3; Class Officer 1; Glee Club 1, 4; Dramatics 1; Cheerleader 4; Music Club 4.

DOROTHY MALONE

May Day 1, 3, 4, Maid 3; Class President 1; Presentation of Heart 1; Dramatics 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Class Basketball 1; Class Volleyball 2; Music Club 4.

Seniors

Janet Ludwig

"Jan" . . . French by adoption . . . "Oh, foef!" . . . will believe the most fantastic things . . . summer in Quebec . . . "Stardust" . . . "The Pioneer." . . .

Barbara Luking

"Barb" . . . our "Queen of Love and Beauty" . . . serene . . . "That's right" . . . neat and pretty . . . good-humoured . . . takes things as they come. . . .

Dorothy Malone

"Dot" . . . soccer fan . . . "Let me tell you!" . . . straightforward . . . good sense of values . . . "Just My Bill" . . . loyal to Nerinx. . . .



"Comin' Up"



Mary Ann Mangelsdorf



Janet McCormack



Jean McCormack

Seniors

Mary Ann Mangelsdorf

"Mangie" . . . Bombers' most enthusiastic fan . . . "The Laugh" . . . guarding goggles . . . goes all out for things . . . long toss of the basketball. . . .

Janet McCormack

"Janet" . . . often asked, "Which one are you?" . . . ice-skating . . . always ready with a question . . . designing seamstress . . . "Hey, Jean—" . . . amateur model.

Jean McCormack

"Jean" . . . girl behind the camera . . . "Would you repeat that?" . . . television set . . . likes to ride . . . "Hey, Janet—" . . . locker at Tri-Court every summer. . . .

MARY ANN MANGELSDORF

May Day 1, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Varsity 3, 4; Class Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4.

JANET MCCORMACK

Glee Club 2, 4, Officer 4; May Day 1, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; Class Officer 2; Presented the Heart of Flowers 4; Class Basketball 1, 2; Class Volleyball 2; Music Club 4.

JEAN MCCORMACK

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Basketball 1, 2; Class Volleyball 2.



"Business Is Slow"



Ann McKeon



Jeanne McLaughlin



Mary Anne Murray

ANN McKEON

May Day 1, 3, 4, Maid 3; Dramatics 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 4; Music Club 4.

MARY ANNE MURRAY

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 3, 4; Pioneer Staff 4; Key Staff, Associate Editor 4; Presentation of Heart 2; Class Basketball 3; Class Volleyball 2, 4; Music Club 4.

JEANNE McLAUGHLIN

Glee Club 1, 2; May Day 1, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; Class Officer 2; Sodality Union Representative 2; Presentation of Heart 2; NHAA Officer 2; Varsity 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Volleyball 2, 4.

Seniors

Ann McKeon

"Ann" . . . dry wit . . . that temperamental Oldsmobile . . . sunlamp experience . . . "Aye, Aye, Aye, Dolores" . . . long white coat . . . "It's ten to twelve, Sister." . . .

Jeanne McLaughlin

"Mac" . . . friend of Father Durney . . . spirited discussionist . . . her specialty—long shots . . . stylized handwriting . . . "Captain Mac" . . . easy-going manner.

Mary Anne Murray

"Myrt" . . . little but lively . . . the 'e' on Anne . . . red-head who wears pink . . . map of Ireland . . . avid Billiken fan . . . practical and sincere. . . .



"Lucky 'Dogs'"



Florence Reiter



Mary Ann Ruprecht



Jeanne Sandbrink

Seniors

Florence Reiter

"Flo" . . . C. B. C. fan all four years . . . duets with Jeanne . . . hair stylist . . . "Temptation" . . . deep, throaty voice . . . a look of the Orient. . . .

Mary Ann Ruprecht

"Mary Ann" . . . blue-eyed blonde . . . clothes out of Vogue . . . Clifton Park . . . "Isn't that right?" . . . car often seen at school. . . .

Jeanne Sandbrink

"Jeanne" . . . Glee Club prexy . . . that huge valentine . . . fond of draped dresses . . . Jeanne and Florence—contrast in coloring. . . .

FLORENCE REITER

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2; Class Officer 1, 2; May Day 1, 4.

MARY ANN RUPRECHT

Dramatics 1, 2; May Day 1, 4.

JEANNE SANDBRINK

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Dramatics 2; Key Staff 4; May Day 1, 4.



"Thirsty Threesome"



Marilyn Sellars



Jacqueline Shelton



Kay Smith

MARILYN SELLARS

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2; Class Officer 1; Varsity 4, B-Team 3; May Day 1, 2, 4; Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

JACQUELINE SHELTON

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2; May Day 1, 4; *Pioneer* Staff 2, 3, 4; Class Basketball 1.

KAY SMITH

Glee Club 2; Dramatics 1, 2; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Music Club 4; May Day 1, 2, 4.

Seniors

Marilyn Sellars

"Marilyn" . . . desk always sprouting something new . . . natural curls . . . easily stirred . . . green sweater in the Senior room . . . bubbling with life. . . .

Jacqueline Shelton

"Jackie" . . . never a dull moment . . . writing, her love . . . "Virginia!" . . . positive statements . . . explosions in class . . . no Protestant. . . .

Kay Smith

"Kay" . . . not Kate . . . turned-up nose . . . hates to play cards . . . "Smith is Irish!" . . . regular movie-goer . . . odd-jobs at Famous. . . .



"Mechanical Minded"



Mary Jane Strub



Cecelia Waddock



Carol Woltering

Seniors

Mary Jane Strub

"Mary Jane" . . . friend of the faculty . . . Big Ben bus . . . slacks and pedal pushers . . . "Embraceable You" . . . always cutting her hair . . . generous. . . .

MARY JANE STRUB

Dramatics 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; May Day 1, 3, 4; Class Basketball 2; Class Volleyball 2.

CECELIA WADDOCK

Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Basketball 2, 3.

CAROL WOLTERING

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; May Day 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality Union Representative 3; Sodality Officer 3, Committee Head 4; Cheerleader 4; *Pioneer* Staff 4; Class Volleyball 4; Class Basketball 2, 4; Music Club 4.

Cecelia Waddock

"Cele" . . . perennial M. C. . . her aunts . . . flair for acting . . . singing ability . . . an actress's temperament . . . straight thinking. . . .

Carol Woltering

"C. J." . . . her M. U. sweater . . . Sociology major . . . sparks a good discussion . . . "Come on, kids!" . . . activities widespread . . . good ideas. . . .



"Stuck-Up"



The Class History

I am the Recreation Room, that peppy and cheerful room, if I may boast, where the Nerinx girls hold their assemblies, skits, parties, and anxious, enthusiastic elections. I am not a very old room but I have seen and heard many wonderful happenings. My walls have worn beautiful decorations to suit the festive occasions I have been host to.

As I mentioned before, I am still rather young, since I celebrated my first birthday in September, 1945. The best birthday present I received was the acquaintance of sixty-seven new faces which belonged to the new Freshmen. I saw them at initiation bowing to the upperclassmen and obeying their every command. I was glad to see that they took everything with a smile, although here and there I heard a sigh of dismay at some Senior's particular whim.

A few days later I saw them standing in groups, talking excitedly. When I overheard some of the conversation, I rejoiced with them at the outcome of the class elections. I heard that Dot Malone led the class of Room 5 with the able assistance of Marilyn Sellars, vice-president; Nancy Croghan, secretary; and Barbara Luking, treasurer. The Freshmen of Room 4 chose Marilyn Heggeman as their president; Cele Waddock, vice-president; Jeannine Prevallet, secretary; and Therese Kelly, treasurer.

As I recall, the time flew quickly and before I realized it, May Day was here. I peeked from my windows and saw my Freshmen friends dancing the traditional May pole dance, and I heard the pages announce the names of Peggie Kirchner and Marilyn Heggeman as May maids representing the Freshman class. This had been a wonderful year and it was hard to say goodbye to my friends, but the term was over and I said, "So long, 'til next September!"

That September came at last and I saw my friends again as Sophomores. Their year passed quickly under the leadership of Charlotte Hanson, Jeanne McLaughlin, Kathleen Cunningham, and Florence Reiter, officers of Room 1. The class of Room 2 elected Janet Ludwig, Joy Leppert, Joan Deichmann, and Janet McCormack as their officers. May Day arrived in all its glory and the Sophomores added to the festivities with their Rose Dance, while Therese Kelly and Joyce Lipic were chosen as May maids. Their prom at Glen Echo Country Club ended that wonderful year.

When September of '47 rolled around my friends found themselves firmly established as Juniors. For the first time the two classes were one. Joyce Lipic was chosen president; "Midge" Foshage, vice-president; Joan Cahill, secretary; and Therese Kelly, treasurer. With the many events of Junior year, the time passed quickly. In February they had their class dance at O'Connell's Shack, which, I heard, was quite a success. In April everyone was talking of the Junior-Senior banquet at Medart's. The biggest thrill of all that year for my class was the May Day election. When all the ballots had been counted, I saw that Barbara Luking had been chosen "Queen of the May," with Ann McKeon and Dorothy Malone as Junior maids in her court. The '48 prom was held in the new gym, decorated to the theme of "Stairway to the Stars." And another year was ended successfully. Then, suddenly, my special friends, their class rings on their fingers, were Seniors. I often heard them say that they didn't feel at all like Seniors, and it was hard for me, too, to believe that they had reached their last year so quickly.

Charlotte Hanson as president; Jeannine Prevallet, vice-president; Dorothy Franke, secretary; and Joan Buehler, treasurer led the class of '49 through a successful, fast-flying year.

In December I was introduced to many of their favorite beaux at the Christmas dance, given by the Mothers' Club within my holly-decked halls. In April they were the guests of the Juniors at the Junior-Senior banquet. Their last May Day came on the thirteenth, with Joan Deichmann and Kathleen Cunningham representing the Senior Class as May maids and all the others walking two by two as members of the court. The prom that evening brought to a climax their last May Day.

The very last day of their Nerinx life comes June 3, with graduation, and I know my walls will be damp with tears to see my friends leave. They will come to take a last look at me and my "brother-rooms," and perhaps they, too will be shedding a few tears, for who, with all these memories of four wonderful years, could leave without regret. I will give to these graduates of '49 one last wish. My walls will whisper, "May your lives be as successful and happy as they have been while I have known you at Nerinx Hall as the Class of '49."



On the Front Steps: Patricia Ryan, Kay Brown, Alice Quinn, Pat McIntee, Barbara Braun, Shirley O'Hare

Juniors



On the Front Steps of the Gym: Mary Alice Springer, President; Mary Jean Mulroy, Joan Charlier, Mary Etzkorn, Dolores Dorlac, Vice-President; Jackie Pfeffer, Peggy Powers

Here are the Juniors, the Class of '50. They are seen going through the halls to classes, to lockers, and to their various activities. Under the leadership of Mary Alice Springer, president; Dolores Dorlac, vice-president; Erculine Barni, secretary; and Evie Bansbach, treasurer, the Juniors have had a busy, active year. They sponsored a cake sale and a movie for the benefit of the missions. They decked the halls with boughs of holly at Christmas, not only in their own room, but also in the cafeteria. Yes, by the end of the season all 49 were experts at decorating Christmas trees and putting up red and green crepe paper.

The second semester found them wrapped up in plans for the Junior-Senior Banquet. On April 21 each Junior, in true date form, escorted a Senior to Van Horn's Farm where the festivities were held.

They are the Juniors of today; the Seniors of tomorrow, leaders in the school.

Juniors

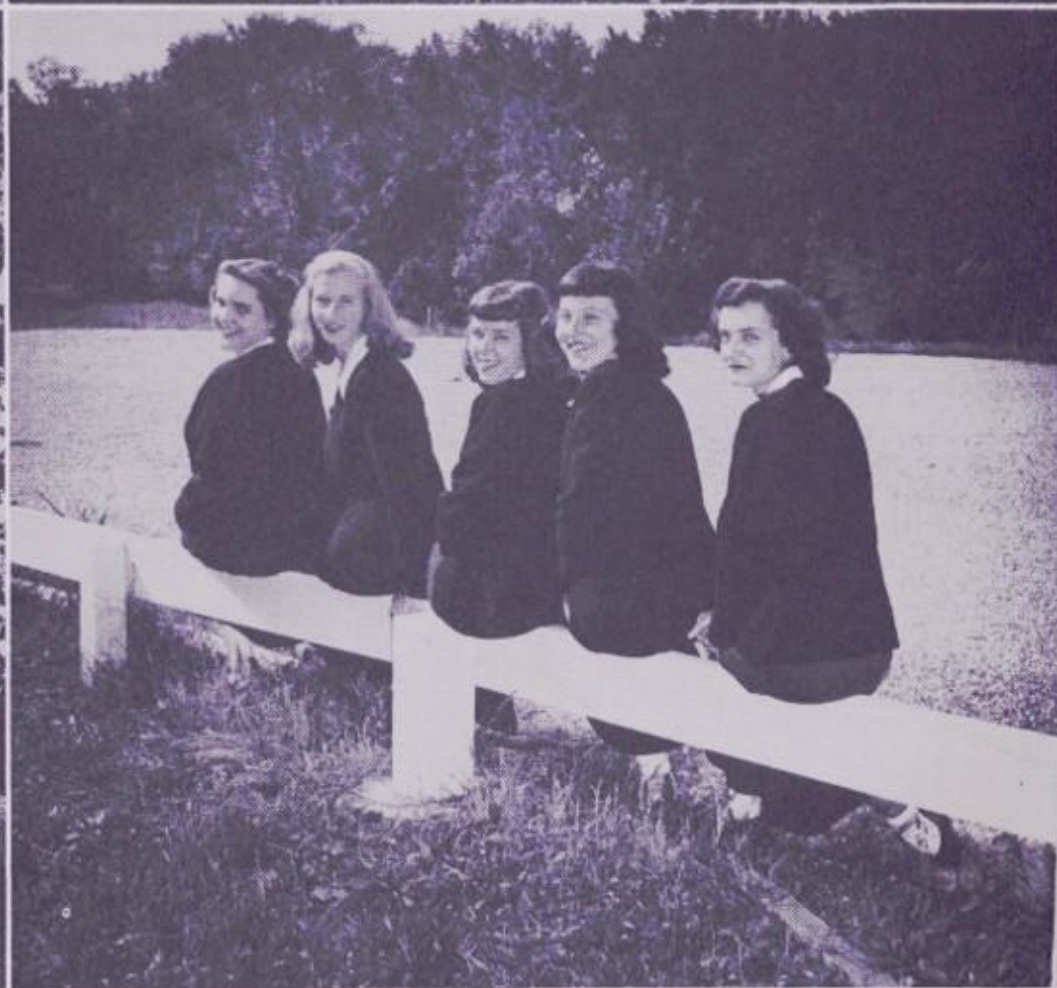
On the Campus: Blanche Jean Rechtien, Jo Grana, Mary Jane Walsh, Sue Winterer, Maureen McCormack, Julianne O'Toole, Rose Graaich



On the Drive: Mary Lou Franke, Jane Murray, Celeste Luft, Norma Schaefer, Margaret Hermann, Barbara Butler, Gloria Luecking



At the Side of the Gym: Doris Koch, Pat Ryan, Evie Bansbach, Treasurer; Rose Glennon, Pat Prosperito, Erki Barni, Secretary; Mary Jo Ladd



At the Parking Lot: Dorothy Schairer, Hortense Obrecht, Pat Hughes, Shirley Mercadel, Skippy O'Toole

Sophomores



On the Cafeteria Steps: Cynthia Nicholson, Laverne Pauli, Joan Maes, Janis O'Connell, Betty Freeman, President; Betty Schuepfer, Vice-President; Jeannine Gidionsen, Kay Flynn



At the Box-Office: Mary Kathleen Grafe, Joan Barbeau, Mary Beth Braeckel, Joan Roche, Connie Weber, Maureen Langan, Joyce Colbeck

"Here's to the Sophomores, the best of them all!" With this phrase from a song often heard at Nerinx ringing in their ears, this year's Sophomore class set out to make the words come true. To lead them through the year they chose Betty Freeman, President; Betty Schuepfer, Vice-President; Peggy Voshardt, Secretary; and Carol Schurk, Treasurer.

For the first time at Nerinx, typing was offered to the Sophomores this year. As the sixth class of their day it made them a busy group. However, they took time out and entered into the business of initiation with gusto, making up for their discomfort of last year by putting the Freshmen through their paces.

The fall and early winter days passed quickly, and soon the Sophs, along with the other classes, were decorating their room with Christmas colors and packing Christmas boxes for others less fortunate than they.

When the Varsity basketball season began, the names of six Sophomores were found on the roster,

an unusual number for a second year class to place on the team.

On the afternoon of February 26th the Sophomores presented a musical, "Once Upon a Dream." The plot revolved around two tramps who fell asleep one day and dreamed of a life of luxury, beset with the burdens of wealth. When they awoke and found themselves still penniless, they realized they were better off than the wealthy. The show was written, produced, directed, and performed by the Sophs to raise their mission quota.

When May Day rolled around on the thirteenth, Joan Penzler and Elaine Prevallet, representing the class of '51, made their bows before the Queen. The Sophomores' first Nerinx prom that evening brought the May festivities to a close. The class ended the year with a swimming party for the Seniors.

The future looks bright for Nerinx with such an "up-and-coming" group as the class of '51 within her walls.

Sophomores

On the Bleachers—Bottom: Joan Penzler, Peggy Harvey, Mary Ione Thomson, Nancy Wittwer
Top: Kathleen Vonderhaar, Rosella Allen, Betty Renard



On the Balcony: Jean Hutton, Cecilia Fitzgerald, Joan Besand, Carol Schurk, Treasurer; Lois Radcliffe, Carol Ann Doriac, Mary Jablonski



At the Counter: Dorothy Long, Mary Edith Smith, Elaine Prevallet, Georgeann Hanson, Joan Byrne, Mary Kickham, Peggy Voshardt, Secretary



Freshmen

Under the Awning: Mary Pat Graham, Mary Kay Luepke, Marlene D'Alto, Secretary; Pat Perkinson, Pat O'Hara, Rita Compton, Orlean Bick, Vice-President



At the Back-Gate: Lucille Luechtefeld, Mary Alumbaugh, Shirley Buehler, Gerry Hall, Treasurer; Anita Harrigan, Rosemary Hahn, Dolores Mercadel



On the Campus: Nancy Springer, Sandra Bentley, President; Mary Lou Schwartz, Mary Carol McKane, Carole Bansbach, Mary Albers, Kay Schinzing



On the Back Boardwalk: Barbara Schilb, Nada Hunter, Jackie Evans, Dorothy Millman, Maureen Kelly, Pat Tully, Peggy Porter

*Jackie
Good Luck
and Heaven
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Freshmen

It all started with initiation. Perhaps to the Freshmen it seemed more like the end than the beginning, but after it was all over they found they had survived. Next came election of officers. The class chose Sandra Bentley as president and Orlean Bick to assist her as vice-president. Writing of class correspondence became the duty of secretary Marlene D'Alto, class funds were entrusted to Gerry Hall.

The Freshmen participated in all school activities. They were found in the Music, Library, and Glee Clubs, and became members of the Sodality. Some succeeded in making the varsity basketball team, while the rest were enthusiastic rooters from the sidelines. In March the class presented three one-act plays and during the entire year worked for the missions.

Many artists have been "discovered" through their work on bulletin and blackboards. Literary ability is present, too, as seen in "The Informer," Sodality newspaper which they wrote and edited.

Carole Bansbach and Anita Harrigan, Freshmen May Maids, were a part of the pageantry on May Day along with the others who performed the traditional Maypole dance in the honor of the Queen.

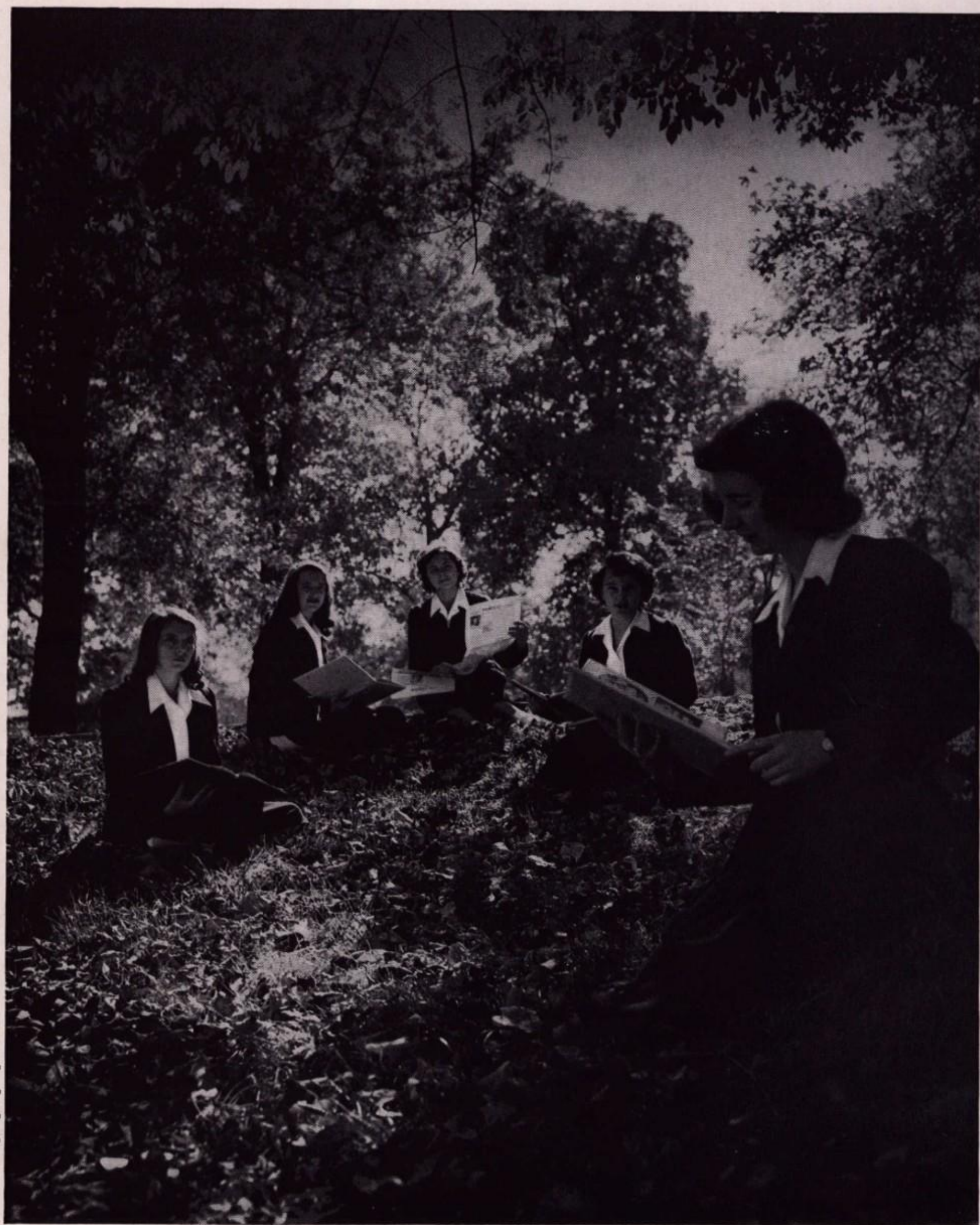
Now the school year has nearly ended. In looking back it may seem impossible to the Freshmen that so many things could have happened in so short a time. More amazing still is the fact that when next September rolls around it will all start again with initiation. There will be only one difference. The class of '52 will give the commands, for they will then be—Sophomores.

On the Campus: Mary Virginia Sieli, Maureen Wulf, Gail Huber, Mary Jane Sheerin, Mary Ellen Daniels, Melba Courtois, Marguerite Winkelmeier



On the Back Gym Steps: Cynthia Bennett, Julia Gronat, Joan Dierker, Anne Renard, Loretta Mullen, Catherine O'Sullivan, Pat Diemeke





Activities

Activities at Nerinx present to the students an opportunity to enrich their social life by forming friendships and extending their circle of acquaintances. The activities, by attracting girls of common interests, aid the personal development of their participants. They promote personal scholarship and a spirit of cooperation, together with interests in the welfare and progress of the school. Not the least of the advantages of the activities lies in the lessons they teach of mutual aid and forbearance, and of harmonious, effective social action. If we are to live as members of a Christian society, there can be no realization of anything resembling harmony and concord without consideration and congeniality.

The various Nerinx activities provide for the students occasion for the expression of ideas and ability. It is to the activities that the student looks back in after years as the source of many pleasant hours, as the spice that sweetened the daily round of intellectual labor. The activities furnish much of the interest of student life; they are anticipated with eagerness and remembered with fondness; they are a patent force in maintaining tradition and in strengthening the bond that unites the student of today to the student of yesterday, to the student of tomorrow.

Sodality



Standing: Julianne O'Toole, Celeste Luft, Gerry Hall,
Mary Ann Alumbaugh
Seated: Maureen McCormack, Gwen Lavin, Midge Foshage,
Marilyn Heggeman, Joan Byrne
Missing from the picture is Cecelia Fitzgerald



Jane Murray, Marilyn Heggeman, Mary Lou Franke, Carol
Woltering, Phyllis Guariglia, Joyce Lipic, Therese Kelly

Prediction of a record year for the Sodality of Our Lady made last September by the officers seems to have come true. For the first time the organization was made elective rather than compulsory, but the membership did not diminish.

Chairmen of the six committees within the Sodality discussed projects planned by the officers and then introduced them to the members. By this means the Publicity committee sponsored Fatima Week, which included the enacting of a living rosary on the back campus. National Catholic Book Week was also observed with a book display arranged by the Literature Committee. At Thanksgiving baskets were filled with food for the poor by the Missions Committee, while Christmas packages were packed for children of Lebanon, Kentucky and Cape Girardeau, Missouri by the Eucharistic Committee. Also at Christmas time the Apostolic Committee gave a party for the children of St. Mary's Orphan Home. Our Lady's Committee participated very actively in packing the Easter baskets for children and in the birthday party sponsored by all the Sodality Committees.

Through these and many other plans carried out during the year, the Sodality at Nerinx succeeded in bringing its members closer to Jesus through Mary—Ad Jesum Per Mariam.



Janet McCormack making the presentation
of the heart of flowers

Sodality

MIDGE FOSHAGE *Prefect*
 GWEN LAVIN *Vice-Prefect*
 CELESTE LUFT *Corresponding Secretary*
 BETTY RENARD *Recording Secretary*
 JOAN BYRNE *Treasurer*



Officers: Joan Byrne, Celeste Luft, Midge Foshage, Betty Renard, Gwen Lavin



Closing Mass of the School Retreats

"The Pioneer"



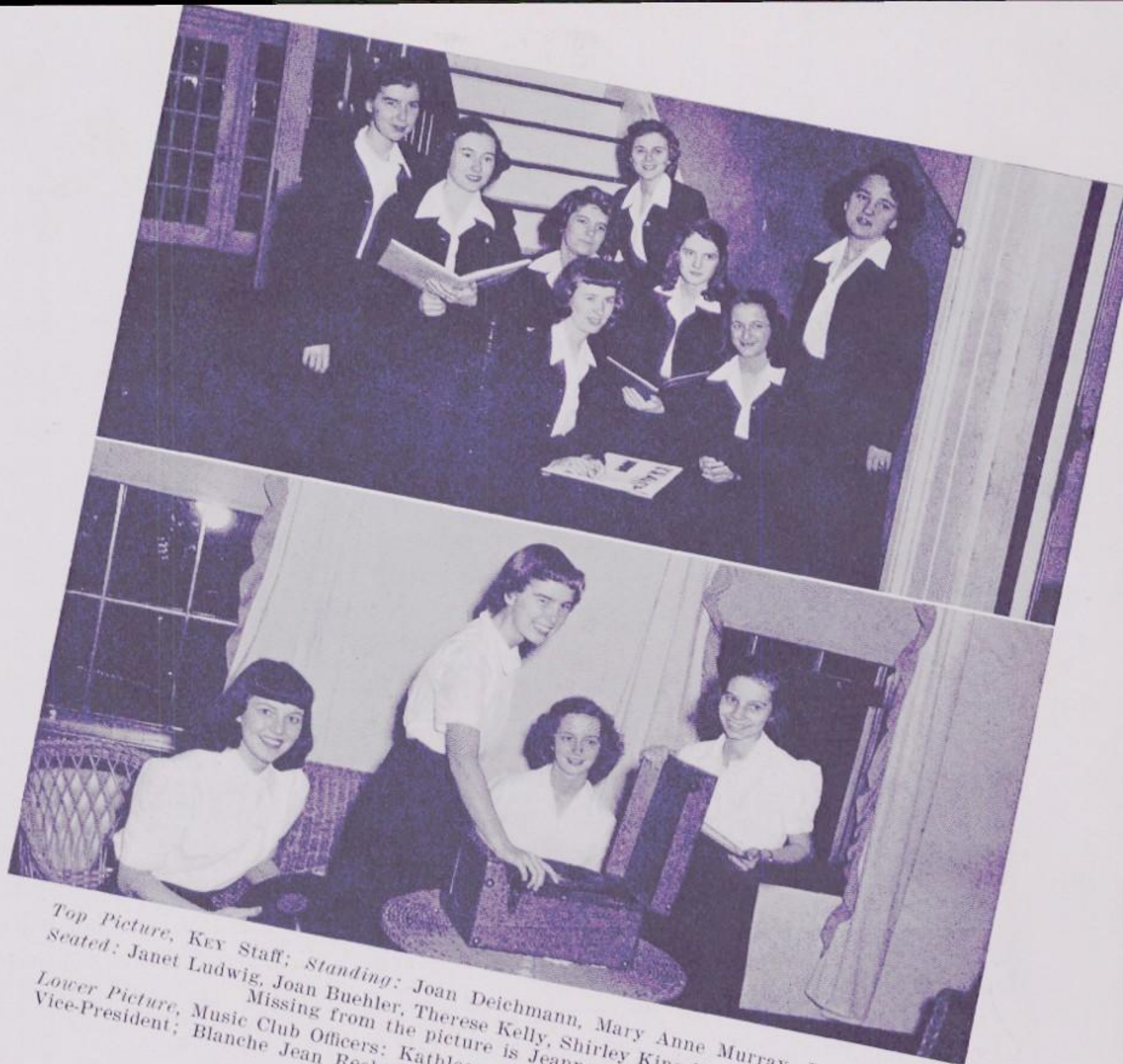
Standing: S. Kinsella, C. Hanson, J. Prevallet
Seated: Miss Kloeppel, J. Ludwig,
 M. A. Springer, G. Luecking

JANET LUDWIG *Editor*
 SHIRLEY KINSELLA *Associate Editor*
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 MARY ALICE SPRINGER *Associate Editor*
 CHARLOTTE HANSON *Business Manager*
 JEANNINE PREVALLET *Business Manager*
 MISS MARIE KLOEPPEL *Faculty Adviser*

"Of the students, by the students and for the students." To paraphrase Mr. Lincoln, this is a description of Nerinx' newspaper, the *Pioneer*. The paper tries to fulfill its name chiefly through the medium of editorials in which it attempts to show Nerinxites the way to Apostolic thinking.



Back: Kay Smith, Joan Deichmann, Dorothy Franke, Mary Ann Mangelsdorf, Gwen Lavin, Marijean Frein, Jackie Shelton, Therese Kelly, Kay Harrigan
Middle: Jane Murray, Mary Lou Franke, Margaret Herrmann, Cele Waddock, Carol Woltering, Midge Foshage, Mary Ann Ceriotti, Joyce Lipic
Front: Rosella Allen, Betty Schuepfer, Janis O'Connell, Maureen McCormack, Joan Buehler, Marilyn Heggeman, Kathleen Cunningham, Mary Anne Murray
 Missing from picture is Jean McCormack



Top Picture, Key Staff; Standing: Joan Deichmann, Mary Anne Murray, Joyce Lipic. Seated: Janet Ludwig, Joan Buehler, Therese Kelly, Shirley Kinsella, Marilyn Heggeman. Missing from the picture is Jeanne Sandbrink. Lower Picture, Music Club Officers: Kathleen Cunningham, President; Joan Deichmann, Vice-President; Blanche Jean Rechtien, Secretary; Marguerite Winkelmeier, Treasurer.

"The Key"

Secularism—the practical exclusion of God from everyday thinking and living—manifests itself in our lives by putting material things, show and glamour ahead of "First Things." It is our intention to present to you a book of your class memories and friends without over-emphasizing secular values.

Your book is smaller and directed toward our goal of more Christian thinking. We sincerely hope our successors will follow our lead, and go even further towards that goal.

Music Club

In its maiden year at Nerinx the Music Club attracted a good number of students from each class. Its purpose of giving Nerinx girls a better acquaintance with classical music, was carried out through programs of the recorded music of worthwhile composers, among them Chopin and Tchaikowsky.



Standing: Janet McCormack
Seated: Jeanne Sandbrink, Alice Quinn,
 Janis O'Connell

Glee Club

JEANNE SANDBRINK *President*
 JANET MCCORMACK *Vice-President*
 ALICE QUINN *Secretary*
 JANIS O'CONNELL *Treasurer*

What has the Glee Club done this year? What songs has it sung?

The Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Mathis, has had a busy year. In September the girls started to study "Carmena" and "To a Wild Rose" in preparation for Loretto Day at Webster College. The highlight of the season came when the club sang Christmas carols in the first Nerinx Christmas Pageant. The group also participated in a television broadcast of this event. Later in the year the Glee Club sang "Kerry Dance" and "Lift Thine Eyes" from "Elijah" at the state convention of the National Catholic Music Educators Association. To close the year's activities many of the club members sang in Nerinx second annual Gilbert and Sullivan production, "The Mikado."



Scene from the Nerinx Christmas Pageant

Mothers' Club

MRS. G. W. VOSHARDT *President*
 MRS. J. L. KICKHAM *Vice-President*
 MRS. H. J. HERRMANN *Corresponding Secretary*
 MRS. J. C. MCCORMACK . . . *Recording Secretary*
 MRS. B. J. HEGGEMAN *Treasurer*
 MRS. F. E. FRANKE *Historian*

One of the most helpful groups concerned with the Nerinx girls' school life is the Mothers' Club. Its support and interest back up all our activities; its projects improve and advance the educational efforts of the school. The project undertaken by the Mothers this year was the complete renovation of the library.

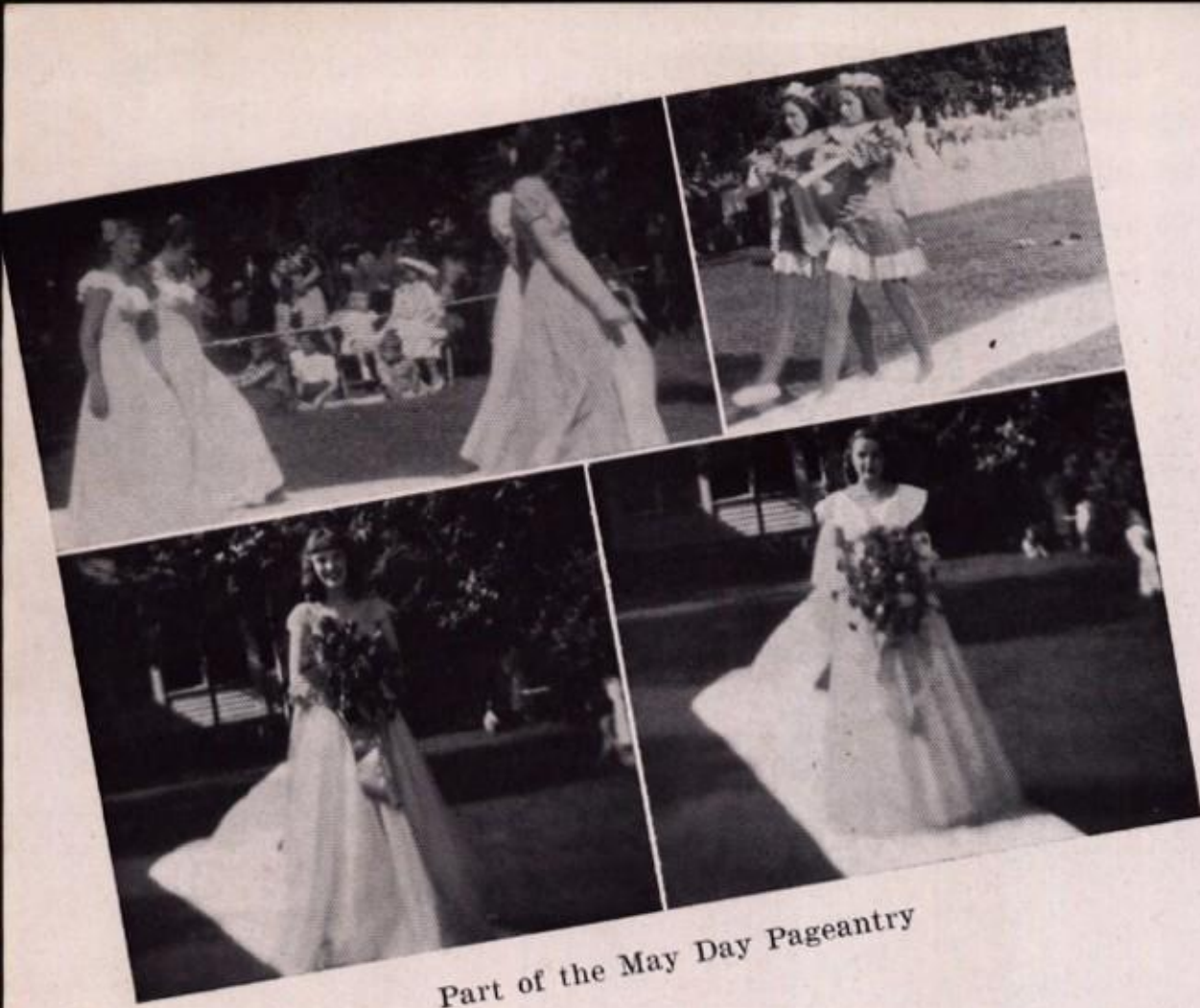


Mrs. J. C. McCormack, Mrs. G. W. Voshardt,
 Mrs. J. L. Kickham, Mrs. H. J. Herrmann,
 Mrs. B. J. Heggeman
 Missing from the picture is Mrs. F. E. Franke

Dads' and Daughters' Banquet



May Day



Part of the May Day Pageantry



Panoramic View of

Miss Barbara Luking
Queen of Love and Beauty



May Queen's Court



Athletics

Classes and activities fill an important place in the Nerinx girl's life, but for a well-rounded personality she also needs Physical Education. Nowhere is the value of teamwork and cooperation illustrated so well as on the athletic field. Nowhere else does the student find the same opportunities to develop and practice these traits.

One of the objectives of the true Christian school is to develop "healthy" Catholics—healthy in body as well as in mind. A healthy body stimulates the mind and frees it from physical worries. Good health is an important aid on the road to good, straight thinking.

A well-balanced Phys. Ed. program includes not only training in health and hygiene, but also games and sports, wholesome types of recreation. Modern recreation is recognized generally as too passive. People are content to sit back and watch others perform. And too often these performances are not of a choice moral character. Thus a good Physical Education program can be a vital force in effecting a swing back to more wholesome recreation.



NHAA Board Members—*Standing*: Miss Sappington, Dorothy Franke, Mary Albers
Seated: Rose Glennon, Shirley O'Hare, Gwen Lavin, Betty Renard, Elaine Prevallet

Athletic Association

GWEN LAVIN *President*

ROSE GLENNON *Vice-President*

BETTY RENARD *Treasurer*

Devising a new method for awarding school letters was the first official act of the Athletic Association. The old point system was abolished and it was planned to give letters to those who participate in intramural athletics, such as the members of the winning teams in tournaments, as well as to Varsity members.

Riders and bowlers continued their activities under NHAA sponsorship. The association also conducted intramural tournaments in volleyball, basketball, and softball. The board topped off the year's sporting events with Field Day in May. As a tribute to their fine season, the Varsity members were feted by the NHAA at the annual Varsity Banquet.



Our Cheerleaders: Carol Woltering, Therese Kelly, Babs Cronin, Barbara Luking

Basketball

Rosati-Kain 21	Nerinx 25
Visitation 11	Nerinx 29
Villa Duchesne 26	Nerinx 10
Xavier 11	Nerinx 19
St. Joseph's 17	Nerinx 24
City House 31	Nerinx 30
Sacred Heart 13	Nerinx 31
St. Elizabeth's 30	Nerinx 33
St. Alphonsus 12	Nerinx 20
Laboure 32	Nerinx 24

MARYVILLE TOURNAMENT

Notre Dame (Belleville) 33	Nerinx 43
St. Joseph's 24	Nerinx 29
Villa Duschene 24	Nerinx 25
St. Alphonsus 18	Nerinx 15

Varsity practice began in the early fall this year and continued with few breaks to the middle of April. Captained by Jeanne McLaughlin, the team chalked up a season record of seven wins and three losses. Gwen Lavin was high scorer for the second year in succession, pouring 107 points through the hoop. In the Maryville Tournament the Varsity carried the green and white into the finals, further than they had ever advanced in the tournament. All four Nerinx games were hard-fought, with the whole student body backing up the team.



Front Row: Carole Bansbach, Mary Etzkorn, Gwen Lavin, Elaine Prevallet
Second Row: Rose Glennon, Peggie Kirchner, Jean Mulroy, Doris Koch, Jeanne McLaughlin, Captain; Joan Byrne, Kay Flynn, Betty Freeman, Joan Barbeau
Third Row: Miss Sappington, Coach; Leenie Cunningham, Manager; Marilyn Sellars, Joan Buehler, Pat Diemeke, Mary Ann Mangelsdorf, Evie Bansbach, Pat Ryan, Janis O'Connell

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